

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 979 - HB 1931**

March 19, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the Department of Human Services from initiating child support actions on behalf of persons not eligible for support services unless it is required by federal law. Prohibits the Department from initiating child support actions without a prior court determination of custody.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**MINIMAL**

The Department of Human Services is required by federal law to provide child support services to any person, not just those that receive Families First benefits; therefore, the bill would not affect current departmental practice. Federal law does not require a prior court determination of support in order for the department to provide services. If the department were in violation of federal rules, funding of \$39,000,000 for Child Support and \$191,000,000 for Families First (TANF) would be jeopardized.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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